

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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The County ordinance that created the First 5 Los Angeles Commission recognizes the need on the Commission for individuals and entities with expertise and knowledge pertaining to issues impacting children and families. Currently, the ordinance allows for representatives of the Commission for Children and Families, the Children's Council, the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, and the Child Care Advisory Board to act as ex officio, non-voting representatives in an advisory capacity for the First 5 Commission, along with the 9 voting members. As of September 30, 2009, the Children's Council's ordinance sunsetted, which eliminated their ex-officio representative position on the First 5 Los Angeles Commission. In updating First 5's ordinance to reflect this, I believe we should create a new ex-officio, non-voting representative seat in its place, to ensure we can retain the range of expertise and experience on the Commission that has been in place since its inception.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board instruct County Counsel to report back in 30 days with draft language for the ordinance for First 5 Los Angeles that: 1) eliminates the Children's Council ex-officio representative position; and, 2) recommends new language to permit this Board to appoint an ex-officio, non-voting representative of our choosing.

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